

Consul sent plea for help before execution

By Abel Dimant

United Press International
CORDOBA, Argentina

— American consular official John P. Egan, executed by left-wing guerrillas, pleaded with the American ambassador to save his life only hours before he died, a published text of his note showed yesterday.

Officials said Egan's widow was fighting pressure from Argentine authorities for a quick funeral for her husband. She wants the funeral delayed until Egan's family from the United States can arrive.

Shortly before the Montonero guerrillas executed him Friday night, Egan sent a note to Ambassador Robert C. Hull from the "People's Prison" where he was held, urging him to persuade authorities to comply with his captors' demands. But the note ap-

"I believe you have enough power to request the Argentine government and the army to comply with the request of the Montoneros," Egan wrote.

It was published by the Los Principios newspaper of Cordoba which found it after a telephoned tipoff from the Montoneros.

The Montoneros vowed to execute Egan unless the Argentine government showed by 7 p.m. Friday that four missing guerrillas believed held by security forces were alive and well.

The government did not comply and Egan's body was dumped along a lonely dirt road. He had been shot once between the eyes.

"If the request of the Montoneros is not completed in time, I will suffer," said Egan's note. "If these people are not dead, please use your influence to have them released."

Meanwhile, the US Em-



The body of honorary consul John Patrick Egan is found wrapped in a flag that says "muerte" (death) after he was killed by Argentine guerrillas. (UPI)



bassy, worried that attacks on Americans might follow Egan's slaying, has put stringent new security precautions into effect, embassy sources said yesterday.

"I think the guerrillas will keep killing us until they feel they can get leverage," one diplomat said.

The precautions include strict control over embassy

staffers' social functions. They also rigorously enforce measures taken last April after another American diplomatic representative was kidnaped here and critically wounded.

To The
Ambassador of the
United States of America
Robert F. Hill

Mr. Ambassador

As you know I am in the
Peoples Prison of the Montoneros.
in Cordoba

As my wife is living a life of
uncertainty and would like to live
in tranquilla and as you know
perfectly the conditions of my
liberty, the Montoneros who have
disappeared ARE MR. STENFERN-
Silva-Diaz - Medina AND TOSO.
who were kidnapped in the last few
months by the Police Forces of the
Government and Army.

I believe you have enough Power
to Request from the Argentine
Government and Army to comply
with the Request of the Montoneros.

If these people are not dead
Please say you will
Release them.

If the Request is
Not Complied
I will suffer.

At this time my life is in your
Hands and the Hands of the
Friendly Government ISABEL
MARTINEZ AND This Friendly Army.

Thank You
John P. Egan
CONSULAR AGENT OF
The United States
in Cordoba Argentina

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Thank You
John P. Egan
Consular Agent of
The United States
in Cordoba Argentina

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TO:	GDS		
TAGS:	PFOR, PINS, AR, US		
SUBJECT:	Vignes' Statement re Negotiations with Terrorists		
ACTION:	SecState WASHDC IMMEDIATE		
	CONFIDENTIAL BUENOS AIRES 1618		
REF:	Ortiz-Ambassador Hill telcon of March 7, 1975		
	1. On Feb. 28, FonMin Vignes made following statement re negotiating with Egan kidnappers in response to question from newsmen. QUOTE There are positively no negotiations with the kidnappers of Consul Egan. UNQUOTE		
	2. Above statement is entire statement attributed to FonMin Vignes by newsmen present.		
	3. Statement was dictated to Department during Smith-Felder telcon March 1, 1975.		
	HILL <i>for 7/18</i>		
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Request ^{via} ARF text article on Egan case by Robert Trostle,
Copley Press, which skedded appear today or tomorrow in
San Diego Union Tribune. Item.

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2. IN VIEW OF THE LAMENTABLE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER BY TERRORISTS

OF JOHN P. EGAN, CONSULAR AGENT IN CORDOBA, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS NO

REPEAT NO SUCCESSOR BE CONSIDERED AND THAT AGENCY BE CLOSED.

2. EMBASSY FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT OFFICIAL CLOSING DATE BE

MONDAY MARCH 16, 1975 FOR PROTECTION PURPOSES AND ARRANGEMENT TO

RETRIEVE FILES AND EQUIPMENT.

3. REQUEST CONCURRENCE IN FOREGOING AND GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER

FORMAL PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSING SHOULD BE ISSUED.

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AMB: Robert J. Hall

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THOMAS(A); ~~RECEIVED FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE~~ FROM
AMBASSADOR HILL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS : AWRD
SUBJECT : Award for John P. EGAN

1. Ambassador recommends that the Secretary's Award be
bestowed posthumously upon John Patrick EGAN with following
citation:

QUOTE. For bravery above and beyond the call of
duty in volunteering to act as U.S. Consular Agent in Cordoba,
Argentina, where he had chosen to live after retirement from an
American company. While patriotically fulfilling his duties,
he was kidnapped on February 26, 1975 from his Consular Agency
Office by an Argentine terrorist organization and brutally
assassinated on February 28.

Mr. EGAN's unusual devotion to duty under trying and
adverse conditions which led to the sacrifice of his life

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ADMIN - Mr. Hedberg

deserves the highest ecomiums of the Department of State
and of the United States Government. UNQUOTE.

2. In recommending this Award, the Ambassador believes it
would be fitting that the widow be awarded a monetary
stipend equal to one year's salary, which was \$3,400 at
the time of Mr. Egan's death.

3. Should it be impossible to consider the above compen-
sation, the Ambassador recommends that the Department
extend invitational travel(roundtrip Cordoba-Washington)
to allow Mrs. Egan to receive personally the Award from the
Secretary's hand.

4. Prompt consideration of the above proposals would
be most appreciated.

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Heavy weekend coverage assassination Consul Egan, including

Ford, Kissinger remarks, Embassy communiqué, GOA and

Interior Minister's statements, FoMia Vignes signing

condolence took Embassy premises, burial in Córdoba Sunday.

PRENSA editorial Saturday: "Abduction and murder U.S.

Consular Agent in Córdoba not isolated incident but rather

manifestation of recrudescant terrorism and subversion in

area, also of significant dimension such activity again reached

there. Regrettably, Córdoba province been living in vortex

of violence and crime since 1969..."

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NACION Sunday on editorial page: "Assassination of policemen and U.S. Consular Agent, plus abduction of Baires Province Supreme Court President...caused tragedy and confusion --also served to confirm that subversives know exactly what they want and are moving forcefully towards their objectives with no respect for human life."

BUENOS AIRES HERALD editorial Monday said Egan murder "all sadder because so senseless. He was retired business executive whose love of Argentina made him decide settle here. As honorary representative USG in Córdoba had no hand in anything even vaguely connected with politics at any level. Had no connection with, nor involvement in, demands made by his kidnapers. Could have brought no influence to bear on any issue even remotely connected with terrorist organization which kidnapped him. Yet, knowing all this, Montoneros murdered him. Slaughtered innocent man, quite knowingly and quite callously. It this despicable lack concern for elementary human life that arouses anger. It would seem society not only has to deal with terrorism, but also has confront intellectual perversion expressed in form of murder for murder's sake. One consolation for his widow must be that he died upholding

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principle of honor."

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SUBJECT:	EGAN MURDER
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AMB	Buenos Aires 1434
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USIS	1) Minister Montllor returned to Buenos Aires afternoon of March 2 after attending Egan funeral. No incidents.
SY	2) Consul General Huey, Diggle USIS, and Beckett due to arrive Buenos Aires early this eve. Ring on Defense Attache aircraft.
LEGATT	3. Full report on this tragedy will be prepared soonest.
ADMIN	4. This is the final sitrep.
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Egan Coverage Murder U. S. Press Coverage

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Would appreciate Department's providing Embassy soonest

detailed accounts of New York Times and Washington Post

coverage of the tragic death of John Egan.

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FROM Ambassy BUENOS AIRES		CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL	
E.O. 11652:	GDS		
TAGS:	PINS, ASEC, AR		
SUBJECT:	Egan Funeral Arrangements		
ACTION:	SecState WASHDC <u>IMMEDIATE</u>		
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	CONFIDENTIAL BUENOS AIRES 1429		
REF:	Ortiz-Jones telcon, 1736 local, March 1, 1975		
AMB DCM USIS SY ADMIN POL POL/R LEGATT USDAO USMILGP CHRON CC	<p>1. Mrs. Egan has asked Emboffs for USG financial assistance in paying for funeral expenses of her husband. Embassy review of 3FAM99415 indicates that Egan, as a Consular Agent, is not rpt not eligible for "additional compensation", though "deathxx benefits" are not specifically excluded. Would very much appreciate Department taking determination on this issue as soon as possible.</p> <p>2. ConGen Huey in Cordoba reports that expenditures which Mrs. Egan will have are for casket, funeral home and burial. We estimate the cost to be approximately US\$500.</p>		
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3. Embassy strongly recommends means to provide Mrs. Egan assistance she has requested be found. We Believe this would be only appropriate in view of fact that Egan's abduction and murder resulted directly from his association with and service to the USG.

4. It would be very useful if DCM Montllor, who will be flying to Cordoba ^{early on March 2nd} to represent USG at funeral along with ConGen Huey, could have a response for Mrs. Egan. Mrs. Egan is a very determined and aggressive young woman and she is likely to press us hard on this issue. The funeral is currently scheduled to take place at 1000 local March 2.

5. On a related subject: ConGen Huey has informed Mrs. Egan that relatives would not be able to attend funeral. She gives every appearance of having accepted this decision, and is planning to go ahead with funeral as indicated above. She has not mentioned GOA pressures reportedly alleged in US press.


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TAGS:	PINS, ASEC, AR	
SUBJECT:	Egan Kidnapping	
ACTION:	SecState WASHDC <u>IMMEDIATE</u>	
INFO:	USCINCSO - <u>IMMEDIATE</u> DOD/DIA - <u>IMMEDIATE</u> DA (TPMG)//DAPM-CPA// <u>IMMEDIATE</u> LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES 1428	
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AMB DCM- USIS SY ADMIN POL POL/R LEGATT USDAO USMILGP CHRON CC	SITREP #29 Reuters, as well as all major wire services, contacted the Embassy regarding the kidnapping and received no rpt no such statement. IO Diggle in Cordoba had no rpt no contact with Reuters. The Embassy made no statements except those cleared by the Department and contained in reftels.	
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TAGS : ~~EXIMEX~~ PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJ: Kidnapping of Egan
REF: STATE 46609

SITREP # 28

Foreign Minister Vignes, accompanied by Ambassador Molina Salas and Giraldes, called at Chancery 1215 today to sign book of condolences and express official regrets of GOA. Vignes was most warm and sincere in latter expressions. Ambassador Hill and Foreign Minister Vignes agreed that Ambassador Giraldes and U. S. Minister Counselor Montllor fly to Cordoba early tomorrow morning via Argentina Air Force plane to attend funeral. Ambassador Hill will not rpt not attend. because of publicity and serious security problem. DCM will be accompanied by ~~xxxx~~ one PSU and 1 Argentine Federal Police.

HILL *[Signature]*

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SITREP 27

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT: EGAN MURDER

1. AMBASSADOR HILL CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER AT 0915 AT LATTER'S REQUEST. VIGNES EXPRESSED GOA'S DEEP REGRET OVER DEATH OF MR EGAN. HE INDICATED LATTER WOULD BE GIVEN FULL PROVINCIAL HONORS. FLAG WILL BE FLOWN AT HALFMAST IN CORDOBA PROVINCE DURING DAY OF THE FUNERAL. VIGNES INDICATED AMBASSADOR GIRALDES, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WILL REPRESENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT FUNERAL; INTERVENTOR LACABANNE AND PROVINCIAL CABINET WILL REPRESENT GOVERNMENT OF PROVINCE OF CORDOBA.

2. VIGNES AGREED THAT WE MUST RESPECT MRS EGAN'S WISHES, BUT HE BELIEVED IT WAS BY FAR DESIRABLE THAT FUNERAL BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, I.E. ON SUNDAY (MARCH 2). IN PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR HE CALLED INTERVENTOR LACABANNE AND ASKED LATTER TO ASSIST CONSUL GENERAL HUEY IN EVERY WAY WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERAL. AMBASSADOR HILL AGREED TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY OF COMPOSITION OF EMBASSY CONTINGENT TO FUNERAL, DETAILS OF TRAVEL, ETC. AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. VIGNES ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT GOA WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR FUNERAL. THIRD ARMY CORPS AS WELL AS PROVINCIAL POLICE WILL BE DEPLOYED. NONETHELESS, VIGNES POINTED OUT THAT CORDOBA IS "PROVINCE IN TURMOIL," AND THERE WILL BE RISKS. HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AGAINST ATTENDANCE BY FAMILY FROM U.S., SUGGESTING INSTEAD A MEMORIAL SERVICE LATER, PERHAPS IN BUENOS AIRES. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT WHILE GOA WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE AMBASSADOR HILL'S SECURITY SHOULD HE ATTEND FUNERAL IN CORDOBA, IT IMPOSSIBLE TO TUARANTEE HIS SAFETY (SEE SEPTL).

4. IN CLOSING, VIGNES AGAIN EXPRESSED GOA'S REGRETS AND INDICATED LETTERS OF CONDOLENCES BEING SENT FROM MRS PERON TO PRESIDENT FORD AND FROM HIM TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN ADDITION TO LETTERS TO MRS EGAN. VIGNES WILL ALSO COME TO CHANCERY BEFORE NOON TODAY (MARCH 1) TO OFFICIALLY EXPRESS GOA'S CONDOLENCES.

5. AMBASSADOR HILL INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER OF LETTER ALLEGEDLY FROM EGAN ADDRESSED TO AMB HILL WHICH FOUND IN BAR IN CORDOBA ABOUT 2100 LAST NIGHT, THRUST OF WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

MY WIFE IS GOING THROUGH VERY INTRANQUIL PERIOD DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH YOU WILL UNDERSTAND. THE MONTONEROS WHO DISAPPEARED, KIDNAPPED BY THE POLICE, ARE PROBABLY DEAD. I THINK YOU HAVE THE POWER TO ASK THE GOA TO COMPLY WITH THE MONTONEROS' REQUEST. IF THEY ARE NOT DEAD, USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO HAVE THEM RELEASED. IF REQUEST IS NOT FULFILLED, I WILL DIE. MY LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS, IN ISABELITA'S AND THE FRIENDLY ARMY.

6. LETTER WAS PRINTED AND WAS UNDATED BUT SIGNED BY EGAN.
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E.O. 1162: N/A
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJ: Egan Funeral

REF: BA 1416

1. As reported in reftel I am ready to proceed to Cordoba on Sunday to attend Egan funeral, accompanied by Mrs. Hill. Others in my party would be Congen and Mrs. Huey (he is already there) and Col. and Mrs. Stapleton (DAO Attache). However, RSO Beckett informs me that Cordoba police point out there is still large security problem in area and my presence would present problem.
2. In conversation this morning Foreign Minister also seemed nervous about increasing current Embassy presence in Cordoba. Foreign Minister said he had been told by

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that tension remains high in area.

3. The military would be in charge of local security
for any Embassy delegation to Egan funeral but they
are not making any recommendations on attendance.

4. Ambassador Jorge A. Giraldes, Argentine Chief of
Protocol, is proceeding to Cordoba in representation
of GOA to present condolences to Egan family.

5. Request your advice as to my personal participation
in Egan funeral, as well as presence of wives. Will
abide by your guidance.

Warm regard.

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SUBJ : Egan Murder

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SITREP #26.

ConGen Huey called Ambassador Hill directly from
Cordoba at 7:30 am this morning to report the following
developments:

1. According to Interventor LACABANNE the guards were removed from the EGAN residence because a policeman from the same precinct was killed last Sunday. All officers from that precinct were pulled off other duties to search for the assassins.
2. Early last night police in Cordoba sealed off a 20 square block area where they believed Egan being held.

As they entered the area in force heavy gunfire was

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exchanged. At this time the police learned that Egan's body had been found in another area and withdrew.

3. Mrs. Egan is still in highly agitated state and adamant that body be buried in Cordoba but not ~~before~~ rpt not before relatives arrive from U.S. She insists arrangements be financed by USG. Need reply soonest because of legal deadline for funeral. Argentine law states that body may be above ground no rpt no more than one sundown which means Sunday night at latest. Checking with Governor for confirmation of deadline.

4. Autopsy to be performed this morning. Hope to get body embalmed immediately after. Refrigeration facilities are available.

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS : PINSx,ASECX, AR
SUBJECT : Egan Murder

REFS :

SITREP # 25

1. In 2:55 a.m. telcon Diggle advised that Mrs. Egan adamant that body be embalmed and that funeral be delayed until arrival Egan's daughter and three brothers listed para 2. She insists USG provide for transportation/family. Diggle stated Mrs. Egan still highly agitated and heavily sedated.

2. Advise following relatives of death:

Suzann Sirokman
Valier, Montana
Telephone: Area Code 406 - 279-3238

James Egan
Telephone: Area Code 209 - AD 37075

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Eugene Egan
Telephone: Area Code 406 - 279 3555

Morris Egan
14820 Pampa Ruaz
Pacific Palisades, California 90272
Tel unknown

3. ~~Recheck~~ Advise soonest on plans family members.

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TAGS : FINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT : ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ EGAN MURDER

REFS :

SITREP # 24

1. Following details murder Egan obtained Diggle-
March 1
Ambassador telcon at 12:45 a.m. Egan killed between
Feb 28
7 and 9 p.m./by single shot through left eye. Body,
covered with newspapers containing pictures of Montoneros
slain on Feb 24 and Montoneros banner which read
"Montoneros, Viva Peron," was left on dirt road in north
sector of Cordoba. Newspapers La ^{Vos} ~~XXX~~ Del Interior and
Los Principos were advised by Montoneros of location
of body at approximately 10 p.m. Two letters, one in
English and another in Spanish left with body were taken by
~~XXX~~ who
newsmen ~~XXXX~~ intend publish them morning editions.

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2. Mrs. Egan highly hysterical under doctor's care.
ConGen Huey and Mrs. Egan's sister staying with her.
Ambassador passed on word of condolences from
President Ford ^{and} Secretary Kissinger. ~~SenatorxxMansfield~~
~~xxMonsieurxxHueyxx~~

3. Internment scheduled to take place Sunday ~~March 2~~
March 2 in Cordoba unless Judge insists on very
thorough autopsy. Ambassador and Mrs. Hill, ConGen
and Mrs. Huey and Col and Mrs. Stapleton will attend.
Embassy opening condolence book for three day period
beginning Monday.

4. As tribute to Mr. Egan, Embassy will remain closed on Monday, March 3. Department's concurrence requested.

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AR

SUBJECT : ~~Missing U.S. Officer~~
Killing of U.S. Consular Agent

REFS :

SITREP # 23

1. The Ambassador has released the following
statement to the local press:

QUOTE It was with the greatest sorrow and
regret that I received the news of the death of
Mr. John Patrick Egan, American Consular & Agent
in Cordoba. I have expressed my condolences to
Mrs. Egan and her family.
During this very trying time the Government
of Argentina has provided us with the fullest
possible cooperation and I wish to thank them
for their efforts. UNQUOTE

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TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

REFS :

Permission requested to fly American flag at half-mast
commencing March 1 until interment.

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TAGS: PINT, ELAB, AR

SUBJECT: ROCAMORA-MIGUEL CONFLICT

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REF: BA-1306

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1. MinInterior Rocamora told newsmen Feb 27 that his exchange of words with UOM leader Lorenzo Miguel (reftel) had been nothing more than "family tiff" which had been completely settled "without consequences or sequels of any type". However, UOM and labor reaction thus far tends to belie statement. Following confused episode evening Feb 26 when large contingent police attempted to enter UOM headquarters, but were rebuffed by UOM security guards, both CGT and 62 Organizations released communiques strongly condemning action, which they attribute to Rocamora. Rocamora blandly commented that police action was taken following citizen's report that "heavily armed men were entering UOM" to take over building. According to Rocamora, incident was simply innocent mistake as police later discovered that men were "only Miguel's bodyguards".

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2. Unconfirmed press reports indicate that Miguel and Rocamora will meet with President Forón Feb 28 in attempt resolve conflict. To date, Raúl Lastiri has been acting as intermediary in dispute.³ Rocamora also took advantage of press conference to continue his attack on Córdoba Interventor Lacabanne. Referring to kidnapping of American Consul Egan, Rocamora observed that Córdoba is still major "focus of guerrilla activity", but that there were no plans to replace Lacabanne, "for the moment".

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AM
SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

LEADS :

SOURCE # ~~222~~

1. I contacted Foreign Minister VIGNES at his home
11:45 pm local time re EGAN killing. FonMin indicated
he had just received a phone call from Córdoba and was
able to supply additional details:

EGAN was tied up and wrapped in an Argentine

flag and had been shot in the head and chest.

VIGNES expressed shock and deep sympathy.

2. I have appointment with FonMin 9:15 am, March 1.
I have expressed sympathy to family. Funeral arrangements
will follow.

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REFS :

SITREPT # 21

EGAN found dead at 10:00 pm, Cordoba. Details to follow.

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REF: STATE 045328

1. AMBASSADOR RETURNED AT 1800 FROM ALL AFTERNOON CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES, AMBASSADOR MOLINA SALAS AND OTHER GOA OFFICIALS, LATER IN AFTERNOON INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA JOINED GROUP. CONVERSATION WAS UNSATISFACTORY IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS. AMBASSADOR HAD IMPRESSION THAT GOA OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED THAT MONTONEROS WILL NOT ASSASSINATE EGAN TONIGHT AS THREATENED. ANSWERS, GEARED TO QUESTIONS IN REFTTEL, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. GOA IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO LOCATE EGAN AND TO SAVE HIS LIFE. ENTIRE POLICE FORCE IN CORDOBA IS INVOLVED IN MASSIVE DRAGNET OPERATION. GOA WILL NOT, HOWEVER, DEAL WITH TERRORISTS. IN ORDER TO STALL FOR TIME, GOA PLANS TO ISSUE STATEMENT DURING NEXT HOUR INDICATING THAT THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN COMMUNIQUE ARE NOT IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY. STATEMENT WILL ADD THAT EVEN IF THEY WERE, GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ACCEDE TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. MINISTERS NOTED THAT POLICY OF NOT NEGOTIATING WITH TERRORISTS

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9. MINISTER INDICATED HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR THROUGHTOUT EVENING.

10. MINISTER APPRECIATED RECEIVING CABLE FROM DR. KISSINGER.

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SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

REFS : BA Sitrep #18
SITREF #19
At 1720 hrs. Ambassador told that GOA informs us police
raid being carried out at this moment in Córdoba. They
have some information indicating location being raided
is one in which EGAN being held. Further details will
follow by FLASH.

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	As of 1700 local time	
	/ Ambassador Hill xxx meeting with Foreign Minister Vignes	
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SITREP # 17

1. Embassy received telephone call 15:45 hrs. from team at Córdoba this date; basically no new development.

2. Federal Police Delegation in Córdoba has basic overall control of the operation. All of this 85-man force is involved, as well as an unknown number of the Provincial Police. As of this morning, using Identi-Kit, Mrs. EGAN had made 90 percent identification of one of the kidnapers who entered the house and 80 percent identification of the other two.

3. Re reftel: Sitrep #3, para 2, noted Mrs. Egan's statement published in LA RAZON about lack of guards. This has been ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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and LA ULTIMA HERA, Buenos Aires, the evening of February 27.

This may be source of AP dispatch picked up by the Washington POST. There has been no rpt no comment on this subject by Embassy sources. Re para 2, Embassy will transmit GOA police report on circumstances of abduction as soon as obtainable. To the best of our knowledge, there has been no rpt. no comment by GOA responsible officials on question of lack of protection.




4. ConGen reports Dr. Allende out of Córdoba on vacation.

He talked with cardiologist involved in hospitalization described SitRep #15. Doctor said he had ~~XXXX~~ treated EGAN for hypertension with diuretics and Reserpine, in 1973.

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Ambassador Hill now at Foreign Ministry. GOA has received unconfirmed report that Montoneros may be submitting new list of names to replace original 4. We expect confirmation or denial of this development shortly and will report.			
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SITREP #15

1. At approximately 12:30 pm, February 28, ConGen Huey
telephoned in English language text of EGAN's 1972

hospitalization. Text is hospital clinical summary:

QUOTE This patient was admitted to the hospital on

21 August 1972. He complained of abdominal pain that
started a week before. There were acute colicky/located

in the epigastrium and were accompanied by vomiting

and nausea. There was modest gever and diarrhea. The pain

appeared after eating and was relieved by vomiting.

Physical examination was scarcely contributory and a

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possible diagnosis of acute cholecystitis was made.

Dr. PALERMO, cardiologist, was called for consultation.

The patient was put on IV fluids and antibiotics and three days after he was feeling well and tolerated food by mouth. He was discharged under observation. He was admitted again three days after: the day after the previous release from the hospital he started with chills and high fever. He was slightly jaundiced and there was pain in the left inguinal fossa. He was admitted on the 27 August in circulatory collapse with hypotension and auricular fibrillation. He was oliguric and clammy. There was pain in the left colon and a b.Coli was isolated from the blood. The cardiologist, the infectious disease specialist and the clinic urologist were called in consultation and intensive treatment was started. He was released from the hospital on September 10, 1972 and followed convalescence at home. A barium enema was performed on the 25th of September and sigmoid diverticulitis was diagnosed. Therefore, this patient had acute diverticulitis of the sigmoid colon complicated with septic shock. Signed.....UNQUOTE.

2. Government has released to press a statement on EGAN's health condition.

3. Córdoba doctor out on rounds; Huey will attempt to contact him midafternoon for any possible update.

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SITREP #13 14

1. Consul General Huey telephoned at 11:30 AM, February 28 and spoke directly with Ambassador Hill. Huey stated immediately that there was nothing new to report since midnight last night(Sitrep 11). The Federal Police with Identi-Kit man are still speaking with Mrs. Egan, attempting to gather all the information available. Mrs. Egan fully cooperating.
2. Both Federal and Provincial Police heavily involved in case.
3. Córdoba newspapers hitting case heavily, CBS and NBC correspondents ~~XXXX~~ MC CROXY AND STREITHORST are most persistent. They made a request to have Mrs. Egan speak on TV

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for a few minutes this afternoon. Ambassador Hill requested this be avoided.

4. Embassy requested detailed, scientific medical information for Dept task force. Told Huey to check with Dr. Allende in Córdoba and obtain medical man's response to Dept.'s query.

5. APAO Diggle then spoke with Ambassador Hill. Press and TV people pressing hard for information and for getting Mrs. EGAN on TV. APAO ~~stated he was~~ informed press he was doing "all he could" to arrange this; privately he and ~~XXXXXX~~ / and ConGen feel it would be a grave error. waiting

Mrs. EGAN still ~~waiting~~ for 7:00 pm. Now on pills; as an apparent result, she feels courageous, likely to

"burble and babble". She might be asked why she was still

~~XXXX~~ in Córdoba after what happened last April (i.e. Laun).

This could trigger emotional response. Ambassador Hill said do everything possible to avoid TV interview.

6. ConGen Huey also mentioned that Federal Interventor LACABANNE was planning to go to San Francisco ~~on~~ Saturday, ~~XXXX~~ March 1, to visit his child there. In response to

query "despite the local situation," Huey replied "yes".

The Ambassador will certainly bring them to the attention of Rosamora Hill and other appropriate authorities.

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<p>1. At 1140 hours Ambassador Hill returned from 1 1/2 hour meeting at Foreign Ministry with additional details as follows:</p> <p>a) Foreign Ministry reports that police files indicate one of the prisoners (Stenfern and Silva) were reported to have been kidnapped, first in October of 1974 and the second in the current month. Police indicate that they have no information as to the authors of the kidnappings and no information as to the whereabouts of the two. (note: This doubters means that the two were murdered by one of the para-police organizations such as the AAA.)</p>			
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b) Both the Army and the Provincial Police in Tucuman have indicated that the other two prisoners (Molina and Diaz) do not appear on their list of those in custody. However, both have indicated it is possible the two are included among a number of prisoners who have just been taken and who are being processed and whose names do not yet appear on any list. Army and Provincial Police are checking urgently to determine whether or not this is the case. (note: DAO sources have indicated subsequently that checks have been run and two are not rpt not among those in custody.)

c) Foreign Minister Vignes and Interior Minister Rocamora are in urgent session with Mrs. Peron at this moment to consider what position GOA should take on this matter.

d) Matter of stalling tactics is being considered and decision should come out of above mentioned meeting. Ambassador Hill passed on Department's suggestions to Foreign Ministry.

2. Ambassador Hill accompanied by Ambassador Molina Salas will confer with Interior Minister Rocamora as soon as meeting with Mrs. Peron breaks up.

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SITREP #12

1. At 10:45 hours Ambassador Hill interrupted meeting
at FonOff to telephone with answers to questions raised
reftel. These answers geared to reftel para 1 are as
follows:

- A. The GOA will not rpt not negotiate.
- B. The prisoners' names are Gustavo Natalio Spenfren,
Luis Silva, Chango Diaz, Pedro Medina(See Sitrep #10).
- C. The prisoners are not rpt. not in GOA hands. GOA
states two are ~~lose~~ in Tucuman and two in Buenos

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B. The Government proposes full search only. The

Government plans no counter-proposal.

E. No decision yet. Ambassador Hill attempting arrange w meeting with Interior Minister ROCAMORA while Foreign Minister Vignes is to meet with President Peron on EGAN kidnapping. No details yet.

2. Text sent Embtel 1366 (Sitrep 10).

3. COMMENT: Ambassador Hill has been told that police aware that EGAN may be killed if kidnappers' hideout located.

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SITREP #11

1. AT 2345 FEB 27, CONSUL General Huey again telephoned from Cordoba. He stated that the provincial police Chief virtually certain that Egan is being held within the city, which, according to the Chief of Police, has been sealed. Police using small aircraft and helos in the search. Source in Interventor's office states interventor immediately contacted Minister of Interior ROCAMORA upon receiving Montonero communique. Our people did not know what, if any, instructions may have been issued.

2. RSO reports that Federal Police officer

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accompanying group has been informed by local Federal Police intelligence source that there is no rpt no record in Cordoba of any of the four people referred to in Montonero communique (Ref: SITREP #10 3. DESPITE press reports here, Mrs. Egan has not rpt not spoken to reporters. Using idento-kit she has only made partial identification of one of kidnappers.

4. Mrs. Egan provided Consul General with following medical report. In 1972 Egan was diagnosed to have Sigmoid Diverticulitis of the colon. He was hospitalized between Aug 27 and Sep 10, 1972 for this illness and was in a coma for two days. He is on strict, continuous diet of mild foods. While he suffers occasional pains he is under no rpt no regular medication. He has high blood pressure. He has had a minor heart problem since 1970. Mr. Egan's physician is Dr. Daniel Alberto ALLENDE. 5. Mrs. Egan does not yet know of the communique.

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b) State 044949
c) HAB 8082
d) State 044640

SITREP #10

1. Pursuant telecon under reference, the following
is the text of the MONTONERO communique:

2.QUOTE

A LAS 19 HRS. DEL DIA DE LA FECHA, LOS
PELOTONES MONTONEROS DE COMBATE HUGO BARETTA
Y HUGO FIGUEROA, DE LA COLUMNA EMILIO MAZZA,
DE LA ORGANIZACION POLITICO-MILITAR MONTONEROS,
PROCEDIERON AL COPAMIENTO DE LAS OFICINAS Y
VIVIENDA DEL CONSUL DE ESTADOS UNIDOS DE NORTE-

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AMERICA EN CORDOBA Y A LA DETENCION DE SU TITULAR
JOHN PATRICK EGAN.

ESTA OPERACION IBA A SER EJECUTADA EL DIA 24
DE FEBRERO ATACANDO ASI, AL IMPERIALISMO, EN
CONMEMORACION DEL ANIVERSARIO DEL TRIUNFO
DEL GENERAL PERON EN LAS ELECCIONES DE 1946,
SOBRE LA OLIGARQUIA Y EL IMPERIALISMO, CON LA
CONSIGNA 'BRADEN O PERON'.

'CON ESTA ACCION CONTRIBUIMOS A FORTALECER LA
CONSIGNA LIBERACION O DEPENDENCIA', CONTINU-
adora de aquella, EN MOMENTOS EN QUE UN GOBIERNO
QUE SE DICE PERONISTA PROFUNDIZA LA DEPENDENCIA,
SOMETIENDO AL ~~EXTERO~~ PUEBLO A LA EXPLOTACION
ECONOMICA Y A LA REPRESION CON LA POLICIA Y
EL EJERCITO, MIENTRAS ENTREGA A NUESTRA PATRIA
A LOS YANKYS.

LA POSTERGACION DE 48 HS. DE ESTA OPERACION SE
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MURIERON EN COMBATE EN MOMENTOS EN QUE SE
DIRIGIAN HACIA LA MISMA.

JOHN PATRICK EGAN, COMO REPRESENTANTE DIRECTO
DE LOS INTERESES YANKYS EN NUESTRA ~~EN~~ PROVINCIA,
HA SIDO CONDENADO A MUERTE POR FUSILAMIENTO.

ESTA CONDENA SOLO SERA CONMUTADA POR SU
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GORILAS, HAGAN APARECER SANOS Y SALVOS ANTES
DE LAS 19 HS. DEL VIERNES 28 DE FEBRERO DE
1975, MOSTRANDOLOS A TRAVES DE TODOS LOS
MEDIOS DE PRENSA ORAL, ESCRITA Y TELEVISIVA,
A LOS SIGUIENTES COMPAÑEROS:

1.- GUSTAVO NATALIO STENFERN, DE NUESTRA
ORGANIZACION, SECUESTRADO EN EL MES DE
OCTUBRE EN BUENOS AIRES.

2.- LUIS SILVA, DIRIGENTE NACIONAL DEL
MOVIMIENTO VILLERO PERONISTA, SECUESTRADO
EN FEBRERO EN BUENOS AIRES.

3.- CHANGO DIAZ, DIRIGENTE DE ATULP, Y DE LA
JUVENTUD TRABAJADORA PERONISTA SECUESTRADO POR
EL EJERCITO EN ~~MESE~~ TUCUMAN, EN EL MES DE
FEBRERO.

4.- PEDRO MEDINA, DE NUESTRA ORGANIZACION,
MAESTRO RURAL DE SIMOCA, SECUESTRADO EN FEBRERO
EN TUCUMAN POR EL EJERCITO.

ESTOS DOS ULTIMOS COMPAÑEROS HAN SIDO SECUESTRADOS
DURANTE EL OPERATIVO DE REPRESION AL PUEBLO
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LA VIDA DE JOHN EGAN QUEDA EN MANOS DEL
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HASTA LA VICTORIA MI GENERAL

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END OF QUOTE

3. SRF report re communique and available details
on four ~~xxxx~~ individuals mentioned therein is
being sent by separate message (ref c).

4. Ambassador Hill returned ^{at 2130 Feb. 27 local.} from consultations
at Ministry with MOLINA SALAS, DIEGO MEDUS and
Federal Police official. Foreign Ministry unable
to answer questions raised in points a, c, d, and
e of ref. b). However, Ambassador Hill was promised
that answers would be telephoned to him during
evening of Feb. 27 or early on Feb. 28.

5. Names requested in point B of ref. b) are
included in communique above.

6. Embassy does not yet have information on Egan
medical status requested reftel d). Are waiting
report on this subject from ConGen Huey in
Cordoba.

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CORDOBA, 26 DE FEBRERO DE 1975

PARTE DE GUERRA

A LAS 19 HS. DEL DIA DE LA FECHA, LOS
PELOTONES MONTONEROS DE COMBATE HUGO BARETTA Y HUGO FIGUEROA,
DE LA COLUMNA EMILIO MAZZA, DE LA ORGANIZACION POLITICO-MILI-
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ESTA OPERACION IBA A SER EJECUTADA EL DIA 24 DE FEBRERO ATACANDO ASI, AL IMPERIALISMO, EN CONMEMORACION DEL ANIVERSARIO DEL TRIUNFO DEL GENERAL PERON EN LAS ELECCIONES DE 1946, SOBRE LA OLIGARQUIA Y EL IMPERIALISMO, CON LA CONSIGNA "BRADEN O PERON".

CON ESTA ACCION CONTRIBUIMOS A FORTALECER LA CONSIGNA "LIBERACION O DEPENDENCIA", CONTINUADORA DE AQUELLA, EN MOMENTOS EN QUE UN GOBIERNO QUE SE DICE PERONISTA PROFUNDIZA LA DEPENDENCIA, SOMETIENDO AL PUEBLO A LA EXPLOTACION ECONOMICA Y A LA REPRISION CON LA POLICIA Y EL EJERCITO, MIENTRAS ENTREGA A NUESTRA PATRIA A LOS YANKYS.

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SITREP #9

1. Consul- General Huey called Embassy 1745 hrs. local
immediately after leaving office of the Interventor
Source in Interventor's office
LACABANNE. ~~LACABANNE~~ told him that at approximately at
1620 hrs. a message (either hand written or typed) had been
found in a bar. Message was addressed to the Government
from the Armed Guerilla Forces. The message stated that
unless four individuals, who were cited by name and who had
been taken by the Army in Tucuman, were released before
1900 hrs. February 28, EGAN would be killed. The message
was signed "Montoneros".

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2. The Interventor is extremely concerned and takes the message seriously; he is putting all available manpower resources on the case. But, he pointgout to ConGen the search the terrain makes/~~ix~~ extremely difficult.
3. Wire services have fragments, at least, of the story.

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John EGAN, who is US Consular Agent in Cordoba, was
kidnapped early last night. His current whereabouts
is unknown.

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E.O. 11652: TAGS: SUBJECT:	FROM Amembassy BUENOS AIRES	CLASSIFICATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
ACTION:	GDS PINS, ASEC, AR Kidnapping of US Official	
AMB DCM SY ADMIN LEGATT USDAO USMILGP CHRON USIS CC	<p>SecState WASHDC NIACT <u>IMMEDIATE</u> USCINCSO - <u>IMMEDIATE</u> DOD/DIA - <u>IMMEDIATE</u> DA (TPMG) // DAPM-CPA // <u>-IMMEDIATE</u></p> <p>LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES <u>1331</u></p> <p>SITREP #8 REF: BA 1322</p>	
	<p>1. At 10:15 local Acting DAO Officer Arthur Diggle and Consul General Huey telephoned Embassy.</p> <p>2. Mr. Diggle read an article from the ^{Cordoba}/newspaper PRINCIPIOS which appeared this a.m.: "A few hours after the event, a person identifying himself as a member of a prescribed group got in touch with the newspaper PRINCIPIOS to say that the commandos ^{units}/Hugo Baretta" and "Hugo Figarello" were ordered to carry out the abduction of the American Consul. The unidentified person added that EGAN would be released when the forces of repression make known the whereabouts of the six comrades who disappeared in Tucuman".</p>	
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3. He stated billets in the Crillon Hotel (Tel. Cordoba 96-093) in the following rooms:

Art Diggle	Room 411
George Huey	Room 412

4. Consul General Huey is trying to set up appointments to see Governor this afternoon and then will broach subject of why there were no guards for the three days previously or during "Carnaval". Mrs. EGAN much better, less nervous, has family with her and her mother is expected to join her. She also mentioned how grateful she was for the Embassy group's presence and assistance, as well as her sister being permitted to fly to Cordoba with the group.


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27 FEB 75, 1040

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TAGS:	PINS, ASEC, AR	
SUBJECT:	Kidnapping of US Official	
ACTION:	SecState WASHDC <u>NIAC</u> <u>IMMEDIATE</u>	
INFO:	USCINCSO - <u>IMMEDIATE</u>	
	SEC/DIA - <u>IMMEDIATE</u>	
	DA (TFMG) // DAFM-CPA // - <u>IMMEDIATE</u>	
AMB	LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES <u>1327</u>	
DCM		
SY	SITREP #7	
ADMIN	REF: BA 1322	
USDAO		
USMILGP	1. Consul General Huey telephoned Embassy 0810 hours local from	
CHRON	Cordoba. His report as follows:	
USIS	He then	
CP/ea	a) DATT aircraft arrived 0400, proceeded to home of Mrs. Egan, who	
	is as calm as possible under the circumstances. With her at	
	present are two sisters and her father. Police have established	
	security guard at her residence.	
	b) Case now under federal and not provincial jurisdiction. Police	
	have undertaken initial investigative procedures, e.g. road blocks	
	from city. Negative results thus far.	
	c) Consul General is scheduling morning appointments with Federal	
	and Provincial Police and with provincial "interventor"	
	(federally named governor and chief administrative officer of	
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the province).

2. Egan kidnapping frontpaged in all papers, except tabloid "Clarín", which ran story inside. Headlines factual. No editorial comment as yet.

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SUBJECT:	Kidnapping of US Official		
ACTION:	SecState, WASH DC - NIACT IMMEDIATE		
INFORMATION	USCINCSO - IMMEDIATE		
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	DA (TPMG) // DAFM-CPA // - IMMEDIATE		
AMB	LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES	1322	
DCM			
SY	SITREP #6		
ADMIN	REF: BA <u>1321</u>		
USDAO			
USMILGP			
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	1. Embassy has no new developments to report in Egan kidnapping case.		
	2. We should be hearing from Con Gen Huey in Cordoba soon.		
	3. FSO Edward Rosenthal will assume control of officer duties at 6 am. February 27, local time.		
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AMB DCM SY ADMIN USDAO USMILGP CHRON USIS CC	LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES <u>13 21</u> SITREP #5 REF: BA <u>1320</u> 1. XXXXXXXXXXXX Embassy advised at 0100 hours February 27 by Buenos Aires AP correspondent that AP sources in Cordoba reported following: 2. Voz del Interior, Cordoba newspaper, had received telephone call from group identifying itself as Montonero cell who indicated they would issue communique on Egan kidnapping during morning of February 27. Callers allegedly indicated communique would say that they would not "do anything with Egan" (AP interprets this as meaning would not release Egan) until six Montonero guerrillas captured in GOA armed forces operation in Tucuman Province recently were "produced" by GOA. 3. Embassy attempting to verify this report. Will advise.	
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SUBJECT:	Kidnapping of US Official		
ACTION:	SecState, WASH DC - NIAC IMMEDIATE		
INFORMATION:	USCINCSO - IMMEDIATE DOD/DIA - IMMEDIATE		
AMB	LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES <u>1320</u>		
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SY	SITREP #4		
ADMIN	REF: BA <u>1319</u>		
USDAO	1. Ambassador has x dispatched following EmbOffs to		
USMILGP	Córdoba via attaché aircraft:		
CHRON	Consul General George O.Huey		
USIS	RSO George Beckett		
CC	Information Officer Arthur Diggle		
	Argentine Federal Police Liaison Officer with		
	Embassy Inspector Edgardo Parra		
	2. Request Department approval make following comment		
	in response to press queries:		
	QUOTE The Embassy has sent appropriate official		
	representatives to Córdoba to cooperate with Argentine		
	authorities regarding the kidnapping of Consular Agent		
	John P. EGAN. UNQUOTE HILL		
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E.O. 11652:	GDS	
TAGS:	PINS, ASEC, AR	
SUBJECT:	Kidnapping of US Official	
ACTION:	SecState, WASH DC NIACT IMMEDIATE	
INFO	USCINCO - IMMEDIATE	
	DOD/DIA - IMMEDIATE	
	CONFIDENTIAL BUENOS AIRES 1319	
	SITREP #3	
REFERENCES:	(A) BA 1316; (B) BA 1318	
AMB	1. Embassy has developed following additional information on	
DCM	kidnapping as result of second telcon with Mrs. EGAN in	
SY	Córdoba. Two men and a woman arrived at EGAN home at approxi-	
USDAO	mately 7:00 pm asking about visas to the United States. After	
USMILGP	five minutes of conversation on this topic they pulled guns and	
CHRON	after shouting for money, began to lead EGAN away. Mrs. EGAN	
USIS	told kidnapers she would give them everything if they left	
EGAN	her husband alone. When Mrs. EGAN protested they threw ether	
CC	on her face, which did not take effect, however. After the	
	kidnappers departed with EGAN, his wife called police and	
	then notified Embassy.	
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2. Mrs. EGAN complained that there had been no guard on residence for past three days, nor over Carnival holidays. Mrs. EGAN said that the kidnappers painted word "Montoneros" on wall of house before departing. She further indicated she thought additional two persons had remained outside the house while the kidnappers were in the house. She begged Embassy to send someone to Córdoba, and closed the conversation indicating that local police wanted her to go with ~~him~~^{them} to look at photos.

3. Embassy is dispatching EmbOffs to Córdoba by DAO aircraft. Foreign Ministry has been advised. We are in close contact with National Police. We have, however, not learned of any demands by kidnappers.

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E.O. 11652: TAGS: SUBJECT:	FROM AmEmbassy BUENOS AIRES	CLASSIFICATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
ACTION:	GDS PINS, ASEC, AR Kidnapping of US Official, Proposed Press Release	
AMB DCM SY ADMIN USDAO USMILGP CHRON VSI Ecol	SecState, WASH DC WACT-IMMEDIATE FLASH	
	INFO: USCINCSO - IMMEDIATE	
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	SITREP #2	
	1. XXXXXXXX Embassy proposes following press release and requests Department's approval: QUOTE: John Patrick EGAN, American Consular Agent in Cordoba, Argentina since March 1973, was abducted from his home in Cordoba by unknown persons around 7:00 pm February 26. 62-year old Mr. EGAN, is a native of Perma, Montana, and has lived in South America and Argentina almost continuously since 1955. A retired employee of a major industrial corporation, he is married to Cyrila Leonard EGAN, who was present during the abduction abduction.	
	The Embassy has no further comment at this time. UNQUOTE HILL US Embassy proposed that the release of the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
DRAFTED BY: CONTROL OFFICER: M. J. Jones: cp	DRAFTING DATE 2-26-75	TEL. EXT. 180 CONTENTS AND CLASSIFICATION APPROVED BY: AMBASSADOR ROBERT C. HILL DCM - JJMontillor



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Declassified Case: LW- 82362 Date:
10-24-2013

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INFO: USCINCSO - IMMEDIATE

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SITREP 1:
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

EmbOff received phone
XXXXX call at 1916 hours local time from

Mrs. Egan that her husband John Egan Consular Agent in
Cordoba, Argentina had been kidnapped at approx 1900 hours by
a terrorist group whom she identified as Montoneros.

2. Mrs. Egan advised police arriving as she phoned. She quite distraught and details will follow.
3. Foreign Ministry has been notified/.

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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY 9084

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AWRD

SUBJECT: AWARD FOR JOHN P. EGAN

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REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 1578, B) BUENOS AIRES 1640

1. AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION BEING PROCESSED. IN INTERIM, POST SHOULD COMPLETE FORM DS-1577 FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT. IN ORDER NOT TO DELAY WORK OF WASHINGTON INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEE, REQUEST NAME AND TITLE OF EACH MEMBER OF THE JOINT COUNTRY AWARDS COMMITTEE, BY RETURN CABLE.

2. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS OBJECTION, DEPARTMENT PLANS DELETE FROM CITATION QUOTE WHERE HE HAD CHOSEN TO LIVE AFTER RETIREMENT FROM AN AMERICAN COMPANY END QUOTE.

3. IT APPEARS DEPARTMENT HAS NO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO AWARD MONETARY STIPEND TO WIDOW, BUT WE ARE THOROUGHLY RESEARCHING THIS POINT. FYI, MRS. EGAN MAY RPT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT. DEPARTMENT PLANS PROCESS APPLICATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH 3 FAM 689, UPON RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION DISCUSSED IN HEDBERG/THOMPSON TELECON. END FYI. BUREAU ANTICIPATES ISSUING INVITATIONAL TRAVEL.

ORDERS TO BRING MRS. EGAN TO WASHINGTON DURING U.S. VISIT SET FORTH REF B.

4. PLEASE FORWARD AFOREMENTIONED FORM DS-1577 TO ARA/MGT. INGERSOLL

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C.O. 11652: N/A

ASG: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: FOAN MURDER

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AP STORY DATED LINE CORDOBA MARCH 1 STATES: QUOTE
 BOTH THE U.S. AND ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS WERE DETERMINED
 NOT TO YIELD TO GUERRILLA DEMANDS THAT THEIR COMRADES BE
 RELEASED. END SOURCES SAID. UNQUOTE.

WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER AP CONTACTED EMBASSY
 EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES IN CORDOBA, AND WHETHER
 STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES WAS MADE. INGERSOLL

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E.O. 11652:GDS

F.TG:ASFC, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: PLAN TO KIDNAP AMBASSADOR HILL

REFUEL ARRIVED AFTER ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS DEPARTED
 KENNEDY AIRPORT ON BOARD DIRECT FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES SO
 HE NOT INFORMED. SUGGEST YOU BRIEF HIM ON ARRIVAL. JMG:RDM:1
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F.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP, OGLW, PFOR, AR

SUBJECT: CORDOBA CONSULAR AGENCY

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1535 ✓

DEPARTMENT APPROVES CLOSING OF CORDOBA CONSULAR AGENCY
EFFECTIVE MARCH 12 AND PREFERS THAT NO PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT
BE ISSUED. INGERSOLL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN ASSASSINATION

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT PERON: QUOTE. DEAR MADAM PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPASSIONATE MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC MURDER OF JOHN PATRICK EGAN, CONSULAR AGENT OF THE U.S. AT CORDOBA. MR. EGAN GAVE HIS LIFE NOT ONLY IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO IN THAT OF HIS ADOPTED HOME ARGENTINA. HE WAS DEDICATED TO GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THE KILLING OF AN INNOCENT AND DEFENSELESS MAN IN THIS WAY CAN ONLY CAUSE REVULSION IN THE HEARTS OF DECENT AND HONORABLE MEN EVERYWHERE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT HIS DEATH WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN AND THAT HIS GREAT SACRIFICE WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THOSE WHO WOULD ENGAGE IN TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE THAT THEY CANNOT GAIN THEIR ENDS BY SUCH METHODS. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. IF GDA DOES NOT OBJECT, WE PROPOSE THAT TEXTS OF THIS EXCHANGE BE RELEASED TO ARGENTINE PRESS. INGERSOLL
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~~SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPING/MURDER - U.S. PRESS REACTION~~
THERE FOLLOWS EXTRACT FROM MARCH 10 ISSUE TIME MAGAZINE
THERE FOLLOWS EXTRACT FROM MARCH 10 ISSUE TIME MAGAZINE
REFERRING TO KIDNAPING/MURDER OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN:

QUOTE. HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD, ANOTHER POLITICAL KIDNAPING CAME TO A TRAGIC END. IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA LAST WEEK, MONTONEROS LEFTIST-PERONIST TERRORISTS ABDUCTED THE HONORARY U.S. CONSUL, JOHN P. EGAN, 62, FROM HIS HOME. THE TERRORISTS DEMANDED THAT FOUR JAILED COMRADES BE RELEASED QUOTE ALIVE AND HEALTHY UNQUOTE BY 7 P.M. ON FRIDAY -- OR EGAN, A RETIRED KAISER INDUSTRIES EXECUTIVE, WOULD BE QUOTE EXECUTED UNQUOTE. BOTH THE U.S. EMBASSY AND ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER ALBERTO VIGNES REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE KIDNAPERS. LATE FRIDAY NIGHT, ON A LONELY DIRT ROAD OUTSIDE CORDOBA, EGAN'S BODY WAS FOUND RIDDLED WITH BULLETS AND WRAPPED IN A MONTONEROS FLAG. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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E.O. 11652, GDS

TAGS: PINE, PFOR, AJLC, AF

SUBJECT: GOA RELEASE OF TERRORIST

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1486; LIMA 1799; STATE 46574, 46682

1. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ANZORREGUY-SCHNEIDER CASE REQUIRE PROMPT CLASSIFICATION. WE ARE MUCH DISTURBED BY WHAT ON THE SURFACE APPEARS AS A DISCONCERTING CONTRAST IN THE APPROACH BY GOA AUTHORITIES TO THIS CASE WITH THE POSITION THEY ADOPTED IN THE EGAN CASE.

2. WE SUSPECT CARDINAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT GOA HAD CONSIDERED IN ITS CUSTODY AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS ALLOWING HIM TO CHOOSE EXILE MADE HIS RELEASE COMPARATIVELY EASY FOR THE GOA. NOT A "NEGOTIATION" WITH ANZORREGUY'S CAPTAINS. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE FOUR OR FIVE OR SEVEN TERRORISTS WHOSE "REDEMPTION" WAS DEMANDED FOR EGAN'S RELEASE WERE NOT IN THE GOA'S CUSTODY. THAT THEY WERE LEAD OR OTHERWISE UNACCOUNTABLE FOR. WE REDUCE THIS IS POINT MONTAGNER WISHED TO FORCE THE GOA TO MAKE.

3. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE DISTURBED BY THE RIGID POSITION ADOPTED BY VIGNES ON FEBRUARY 28 AND WE REPEAT OUR REQUEST

FOR THE FULL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS. WIRE SERVICE QUOTED HIM AS SAYING, "THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH EXTREMIST GROUPS". WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AT NO TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ISSUED THE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT BOTH VIGNES AND OFFILA ASSURED US IT WOULD BECOME, THAT IT DID NOT HAVE THE TERRORIST PRISONERS IN ITS CUSTODY THAT EGAN'S CAPTAINS DEMANDED BE PRODUCED.

4. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE IN RECONSTRUCTING GOA'S POSITION IN THESE TWO CASES, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE KNOWN OUR CONCERN AT A HIGH LEVEL IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. IN SO DOING YOU SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE LOOK TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN ARGENTINA AND THAT WE WOULD

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12 HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING ANY INDICATION THAT THE CON-
SIDERATION AND CONCERN OF THE GOA FOR OUR CITIZENS IN
ARGENTINA IS IN ANY WAY LESS THAN THAT SHOWN FOR OTHERS.
YOU SHOULD REQUEST AN EXPLANATION FOR THE PERPLEXING
VARIANCE IN THE GOA'S APPROACH TO THESE TWO CASES.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF YOUR INQUIRY. JEGERSOLL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, FINS, AP

SUBJECT: EGAN CASE - SECRETARY'S REPLY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER'S MESSAGE

FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED
TO FORMIN VISES:

QUOTE. DEAR MR; MINISTER: I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE
EXPRESSING YOUR CONDOLENCES AT THE MURDER OF JOHN PATRICK
EGAN, CONSULAR AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN CORONDOBA.
MR. EGAN WAS A MAN WHO LOVED BOTH OUR COUNTRIES AND WORKED
CONSCIENTIOUSLY IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR TWO NATIONS. THE CONSPIRACY ACT WHICH ENDED HIS LIFE
WILL SHOCK THE SENSITIVITIES OF ALL DECENT MEN THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON THE CONTINUED DETERMINA-
TION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO APPREHEND THE CRIMINALS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ASHORRENT DEED AND BRING THEM TO
JUSTICE. WARM REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

IF AOA DOES NOT OBJECT, WE PROPOSE THAT TEXTS OF THIS
EXCHANGE BE RELEASED TO ARGENTINE PRESS. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO MRS. JOHN P. EGAN

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IN-LAW:

QUOTE. DEAR SIS: CAN'T GET YOU BY PHONE. WE WILL MEET
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FAMILY. THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF THINGS DOWN THERE. ALL
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SUBJECT: EGAN MURDER U.S. PRESS COVERAGE

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 TAGS: PINT, PINS, AR, PE
 SUBJECT: PRESS INTERVIEW WITH ARGENTINE GUERRILLA SCHNEIDER

REF: LIMA 1799

1. LIMA DAILY EL CORREO INTERVIEWED ARGENTINE GUERRILLA SERGIO SCHNEIDER AS HE LEFT HIS "DOWNTOWN" HOTEL TO TAKE A WALK. PAPER CARRIED BUENOS AIRES DATELINE EFE ARTICLE SOME PACE QUOTING ARGENTINE OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS NEITHER NEGOTIATION NOR EXCHANGE IN SCHNEIDER CASE. YET EL CORREO ARTICLE WAS HEADLINED "INTERVIEW WITH EXCHANGED GUERRILLA" AND TEXT STATED THAT SCHNEIDER'S FREEDOM TRADED FOR THAT OF JUDGE HUGO ALFREDO ANZORREGUI. ARTICLE SUBHEADING STATED THAT SCHNEIDER PRAISED "SOCIALIZATION" OF PERUVIAN PRESS.

2. ARTICLE QUOTES SCHNEIDER AS SAYING "PLEASE, NOTHING ON POLITICS. UNDERSTAND MY SITUATION. WHEN MY SITUATION IS CLARIFIED IT WILL BE ANOTHER THING." SCHNEIDER DID, HOWEVER, THEN DECLARE THAT KIDNAPPING OF ANZORREGUI WAS CARRIED OUT BY HIS GROUP, THE FUERZA ARGENTINA DE LIBERACION CHE GUEVARRA (FALCPE), AND NOT BY THE MONTONEROS. FALCPE IS ABSOLUTELY SEPARATE FROM THE MONTONEROS, SAID SCHNEIDER, AND THERE ARE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. EL CORREO COMMENTS THAT THE LIBERATION OF SCHNEIDER HAS RESULTED IN RECOGNITION FOR FALCPE. BEFORE PEOPLE TENDED TO THINK ONLY OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ARP AND THE AAP WHICH EL CORREO TERMED RESPECTIVELY TRISKYTE AND ULTRA-RIGHT.

3. J. CORREO LISTED SCHNEIDER'S PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS. HE IS 33 YEARS OLD WITH THREE CHILDREN, IS A MEDICAL STUDENT AND IS SAID TO BE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS OF FALCPE.

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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT:EGAN MURDER:MESSAGE FOR MRS. EGAN

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS. EGAN, FROM HER
NIECE, MRS. RICHARD DOOLITTLE: BEGIN QUOTE: DEAREST
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ABOUT UNCLE JOHN. OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE
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Q. HOW DO WE VIEW GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA'S POSITION OF REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE WITH EGAN'S KIDNAPPERS?

SR. THE DEMANDS OF THE TERRORISTS MADE MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS VERY DIFFICULT.

Q. COULD THE GOA HAVE PRODUCED ONE OR MORE OF THE PRISONERS?

SR. THIS IS A QUESTION WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE GOA.

Q. DID THE UNITED STATES PRESS THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA TO NEGOTIATE FOR EGAN'S RELEASE?

SR. BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MR. EGAN'S SAFE RELEASE WE MAINTAINED THE CLOSEST OF CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO SECURE HIS RELEASE.

Q. DID THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA'S PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE PRECIPITATE HIS DEATH?

SR. THE TERRORISTS BY THEIR ACTIONS AND THE NATURE OF THEIR DEMANDS MUST BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MR. EGAN'S MURDER.

Q. HAVE WE HEARD FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA REGARDING THE EGAN MURDER?

SR. THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAVE OFFICIALLY EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND REGRETS.

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Q. I UNDERSTAND WE CLOSED OUR OFFICES IN PROVINCIAL ARGENTINE CITIES AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF ALFRED LAUN IN CORDOBA LAST APRIL. WHAT WAS EGAN DOING STILL IN CORDOBA?

SR. WE WITHDREW ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO POSTS IN PROVINCIAL CITIES IN ARGENTINA. MR. EGAN, HOWEVER, WAS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF CORDOBA, WHERE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE U.S. FIRM, CHOSE TO REMAIN THERE AND TO CONTINUE AS A UNITED STATES CONSULAR AGENT.

Q. IS THERE ANY DANGER TO OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA?

SR. SEVERAL TERRORIST GROUPS IN ARGENTINA HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CARRY OUT KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO PROTECT THOSE U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA.

Q. ARE YOU INSTITUTING SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO DEFEND U.S. OFFICIALS?

SR. WE DO NOT DISCUSS PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

Q. WHAT STEPS DID THE GOA TAKE TO ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT EGAN'S SAFE RELEASE?

SR. WE UNDERSTAND THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INSTITUTED ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE DRAGNET OPERATIONS IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY, UTILIZING POLICE AND OTHER SECURITY FORCES AVAILABLE IN SEARCH FOR MR. EGAN. THE CITY WAS CORDONED OFF AND THOROUGH CHECKS MADE OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
 TAGS: NONE
 SUBJECT: DEATH OF CONSULAR AGENT

1. SHOCKED AT MURDER OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN.
2. PLEASE EXTEND SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO MRS. EGAN FROM BOLIVIAN AND AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN LA PAZ.

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PFOR,PINS,AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS. EGAN: QUOTE WE ARE
 HEARTSICK ABOUT JOHN. OUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND LOVE ARE
 WITH YOU. JIM AND MARTHA. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER
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SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF STATEMENT CONCERNING EGAN ASSASSINATION TO BE ISSUED BY WHITE HOUSE TOMORROW MORNING, MARCH 1. THIS TEXT WILL BE RELEASED IN CONJUNCTION WITH LETTER OF CONDOLENCE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MRS. EGAN WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL:

QUOTE THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF U.S. CONSULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK EGAN BY CRIMINAL TERRORISTS IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA, IS A COWARDLY ACT WHICH WILL BE CONDEMNED BY MEN OF DECENCY AND HONOR EVERYWHERE. THERE CAN BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE WANTON KILLING OF AN INNOCENT AND DEFENSELESS PERSON.

MR. EGAN SERVED HIS COUNTRY LOYALLY AND WELL. ALL AMERICAN WILL JOIN IN HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. EGAN AND IN EXPRESSING-DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS WIDOW AND FAMILY. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT
TONIGHT CONCERNING THE MURDER OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN:

QUOTE IT IS WITH THE UTMOST REGRET THAT WE HAVE LEARNED OF
THE MURDER OF CONSULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK EGAN AT CORDOBA
IN ARGENTINA. MR. EGAN MET VIOLENT DEATH AT THE HANDS OF
A GROUP OF TERRORISTS, A SENSELESS AND DESPICABLE CRIME
WHICH SHOCKS THE SENSIBILITIES OF ALL CIVILIZED MEN. WE
ARE SURE THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL BE FOUND AND BROUGHT TO
JUSTICE.

QUOTE MR. EGAN WAS A LOYAL, DEDICATED CITIZEN WHO SERVED
HIS COUNTRY QUIETLY AND EFFECTIVELY. HE JOINS THE RANKS
OF LOYAL AMERICANS WHO HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE
LINE OF DUTY. THIS MURDER SHOULD AGAIN SIGNAL TO THE
COMMUNITY OF CIVILIZED NATIONS THE NECESSITY OF CONCERTED
AND FIRM ACTION TO COMBAT THE CONTINUING MENACE OF TERROR-
ISM.

QUOTE ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE AND THE FOREIGN SERVICE, MRS. KISSINGER AND I EXTEND

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MRS. EGAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
FAMILY ON THIS LOSS TO THEM AND TO OURSELVES. UNQUOTE.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN ASSASSINATION

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO MRS. EGAN. QUOTE DEAR MRS. EGAN: MRS. FORD AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND IS AS UNJUST AS IT IS TRAGIC. WORDS CANNOT CAPTURE THE STRAIN NOR MITIGATE THE SUFFERING YOU HAVE UNDERGONE, BUT WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU IN THIS MOST DIFFICULT MOMENT.

2. YOUR HUSBAND WAS HIGHLY ESTEEMED IN CORDOBA. AS U.S. CONSULAR AGENT THERE HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY WELL. HIS TRAGIC, SENSELESS DEATH IS MOURNED BY ALL MEN OF GOODWILL. GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:PING, ASEC, AR

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EGAN

1. REUTERS LEAD STORY ON EGAN KILLING DATED LINED COPYDRA.
MARCH 1 STATES QUOTE POLICE HERE FOUND THE BODY OF THE US
HUNGARY CONSUL IN THIS ARGENTINE INDUSTRIAL CITY ONLY
HOURS AFTER THE GOVERNMENT AND THE US EMBASSY SAID IT
WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH HIS GUERRILLA KIDNAPPERS. UNQUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SOONEST WHETHER REUTERS
CONTACTED EMBASSY AND WHETHER THIS IS ACCURATE
REFLECTION OF EMBASSY'S RESPONSE. INGERSOLL
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TARS: PFOR. PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

REFERENCE: BA 1416

THE AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO CLOSE THE EMBASSY ON
MONDAY, MARCH 3 IN TRIBUTE TO MR. EGAN. INGENJOLI.
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN FUNERAL
 REF: 1421
 FOR AMBASSADOR HILL FROM BOWDLER

1. OUR VIEW IS THAT YOU SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN FUNERAL. CONGEN HUEY SHOULD REPRESENT USG AT CEREMONY.
 2. WE ARE ATTEMPTING LEARN PRECISELY WHAT FAMILY WISHES HERE ARE, AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. INGERSOLL
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR,PINS,Ap

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF U.S. OFFICIAL

REFERENCE: BUENOS AIRES 1414

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS JUST RECEIVED UPI REPORT DAYLINED BUENOS AIRES THAT AFTER MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HILL AND INTERIOR SECRETARY ROCAMORA, FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES SAID "THE ARGENTINA GOVERNMENT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH EXTREMIST GROUPS." NO OTHER STATEMENT IS ATTRIBUTED TO VIGNES, BUT REPORT GOES ON TO STATE THAT "AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID TWO OF THE GUERRILLAS WHOSE APPEARANCE THE MONTONEROS ARE BE CARRYING ARE NOT EVEN IN ARMY CUSTODY."

2. ARGENTINE EMBASSY HAS SAME UPI REPORT BUT NOTHING ELSE AND IS ASKING BUENOS AIRES FOR VERBATIM TEXT OF VIGNES STATEMENT AND ANY STATEMENT BY ARMY SPOKESMAN.

3. REPORTED STATEMENT BY ARMY SPOKESMAN, IF TRUE, WOULD CLEARLY IMPLY THAT TWO OF THE FOUR GUERRILLAS ARE IN ARMY CUSTODY. THIS WOULD CONFLICT WITH GOA INSISTENCE HITHERTO THAT NONE RPT NONE OF THE FOUR ARE IN GOA CUSTODY. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PRECISE TEXT OF ANY GOA PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND ANY COMMENTS THE EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN.

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING: PRESS BRIEFING

THERE FOLLOWS THE TRANSCRIPT OF PORTION OF THE FEBRUARY
28 NOON PRESS BRIEFING RELATING TO THE EGAN KIDNAPPING:

Q. BOB, WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE ON WHETHER THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST OF THE MONTONEROS
FOR THE RELEASE OF FOUR CAPTURED TERRORISTS?

A. YOU ARE ALL AWARE, I THINK, OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
ABDUCTORS. THERE IS A DEADLINE THAT THEY HAVE PUT ON THEIR
ANNOUNCEMENT--I THINK IT'S 7 O'CLOCK TONIGHT, OUR TIME--
AND CERTAIN DEMANDS THAT THEY HAVE MADE TO THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT.

AND FRANKLY, JOHN, DURING THIS EXTREMELY DELICATE PERIOD,
I THINK THAT WE SHOULD SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE PUBLICLY,
IN THE INTEREST OF TRYING TO WORK QUIETLY BUT EFFECTIVELY
WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO EFFECT THE RELEASE
OF MR. EGAN. SO I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO ANY OF THE
DETAILS OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, WHAT THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO, ET CETERA. I JUST THINK WE'VE
GOT TO REMAIN QUIET AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: pFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO MRS. JOHN PATRICK EGAN:

QUOTE DEAR MRS. EGAN: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE SENSELESS MURDER OF YOUR HUSBAND AND HASTEN TO WRITE TO YOU TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND SHOCK AND DEEPEST SORROW. YOU HAVE LOST THE PERSON DEAREST TO YOU AND I KNOW THE SUFFERING WHICH THIS REPRESENTS. WE HAVE LOST A LOYAL AND EFFECTIVE COLLEAGUE WHO HAS GIVEN HIS LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY.

PARAGRAPH: MRS. KISSINGER JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. WE PRAY THAT IN THE MEMORY OF YOUR HUSBAND YOU WILL FIND STRENGTH AND COMFORT IN THE DAYS AHEAD. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

~~SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EGAN~~

1. CONFIRMING MONTLOR-BOWDLER TELECON, YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT WHAT APPEARS TO BE GOA MIS-UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION ON DEALING WITH TERRORISTS AS EXPRESSED IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA. 2 OF REFTEL.

2. AS REFLECTED IN QUESTIONS POSED IN STATE 45328 AND 44949 WE ENCOURAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTION OF OUR PERSONNEL, TO EXPLORE ALL CHANNELS WHICH COULD LEAD TO RELEASE OF HOSTAGES WITHOUT DAMAGING ITS FIRM POLICY STANCE.

3. WE HAVE MADE THESE POINTS WITH AMB. ORFILA, WHO ASSURES US THAT GOA UNDERSTANDS OUR POSITION ON THIS ASPECT. HE ADDED THAT PUBLIC STATEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN PARA. 2 REFTEL WILL NOT RPT NOT MAKE ASSERTION AS STATED LAST SENTENCE.

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING - PRESS GUIDANCE

1. THERE FOLLOWS A STATEMENT AND PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR THE FEBRUARY 28 NOON PRESS BRIEFING. THE STATEMENT WAS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE ACTUAL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL.

2. STATEMENT. WE ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER THE ABDUCTION OF CONSULAR AGENT JOHN EGAN BY TERRORISTS CLAIMING TO BELONG TO THE MONTONEROS ORGANIZATION. OUR AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES REMAINS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES, WHO ARE MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO EFFECT MR. EGAN'S SAFE RETURN. END STATEMENT.

Q. WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH REGARD TO THE TERRORIST DEMAND THAT THE GOA PRODUCE FOUR MEMBERS OF THEIR ORGANIZATION TO PROVE THEY ARE ALIVE AND WELL AS THEIR CONDITION FOR THE RELEASE OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN?

SR.(SUGGESTED REPLY) AMBASSADOR HILL IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. HE IS DISCUSSING WITH THEM ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US ANY DETAILS?

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SR. OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS THE WELLBEING AND RELEASE OF MR. EGAN. WE WILL NOT SAY ANYTHING HERE WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE HIS SITUATION. FOR THIS REASON I WILL NOT DISCUSS OUR CONTACTS WITH THE GOA OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FREQUENT AND AT A HIGH LEVEL.

Q. TO THIS POINT HAS THE GOA BEEN COOPERATIVE?

SR. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE GOA CONSIDERS THIS A MOST SERIOUS MATTER AND WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH THE GOA ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO OBTAIN EGAN'S RELEASE.

Q. ARE THESE TERRORISTS LIKELY TO KILL EGAN IF THEIR FOUR ASSOCIATES ARE NOT PRODUCED?

SR. I CANNOT ANSWER THAT. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO AVOID THAT.

Q. IS IT TRUE THAT THERE WERE NO GUARDS PROVIDED BY THE GOA FOR MR. EGAN'S OFFICE?

SR. WE HAVE ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR A FULL REPORT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MR. EGAN'S ABDUCTION.

Q. WHAT ARE THE DEMANDS OF THE KIDNAPPERS AND HAVE THEY BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS?

SR. THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE MADE KNOWN THEIR DEMANDS TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. THEY DEMAND THAT THE GOA DEMONSTRATE THAT FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHO THEY CLAIM ARE HELD BY THE GOA ARE SAFE AND SOUND. THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE NOT BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH U.S. OFFICIALS.

Q. I UNDERSTAND WE CLOSED OUR OFFICES IN PROVINCIAL ARGENTINE CITIES AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF ALFRED LAUN IN CORDOBA LAST APRIL. WHAT WAS EGAN DOING STILL IN CORDOBA?

SR. WE WITHDREW ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO POSTS IN PROVINCIAL CITIES IN ARGENTINA. MR. EGAN, HOWEVER, WAS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF CORDOBA, WHERE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE U.S. FIRM, CHOSE TO REMAIN THERE AND TO CONTINUE AS U.S. CONSULAR AGENT.

Q. IS THERE ANY DANGER TO OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA?

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SR. SEVERAL TERRORIST GROUPS IN ARGENTINA HAVE THE
POTENTIAL TO CARRY OUT KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS.
IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO PROTECT

THOSE U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA.

Q. ARE YOU INSTITUTING SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO
DEFEND U.S. OFFICIALS?

SR. WE DO NOT DISCUSS PROTECTIVE MEASURES.
- PT FOR STATEMENT, ABOVE GUIDANCE NOT USED AT NOON
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AR, PFOR, PINS

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EGAN

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1. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY GOA UNWILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER OTHER ACTIONS TO PROTECT LIFE OF EGAN. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS ARGENTINE OFFICIALS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. WHAT PRECISELY IS GOA PLAN OF ACTION TO AVOID THREATENED EXECUTION OF EGAN TODAY? WHAT STRATAGEMS ARE THEY CONTEMPLATING IN ORDER TO STALL, BUY TIME AND DEVISE OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO OBTAIN EGAN'S RELEASE?

3. IF PRISONERS NAMED IN MONTONEROS COMMUNIQUE ARE NOT IN GOA CUSTODY, WHY DO THEY NOT SO STATE PUBLICLY?

4. DOES THE GOA HAVE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH TO COMMUNICATE WITH MONTONEROS? HAVE THEY USED IT? WITH WHAT RESULT?

5. WOULD GOA CONSIDER PROPOSING TO MONTONEROS PRESENTATION OF OTHER PRISONERS ON MEDIA? WOULD GOA BE WILLING TO

ACQUIESCE TO FURTHER PUBLICITY FOR MONTONERO'S CAUSE IN EXCHANGE FOR EGAN'S FREEDOM?

6. WE APPRECIATE EFFORT BEING EXERTED BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES BUT WE BELIEVE THAT USG AND GOA MUST CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT NO REASONABLE ACTION IS BEING OVERLOOKED IN PURSUIT OF OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF SAFE RETURN OF EGAN. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM FIRM GOA IMAGE AND FROM CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST MONTONEROS AND OTHER TERRORISTS. KISSINGER

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1. IN VIEW OF KIDNAPPERS DEMANDS AS STATED REFTEL, REQUEST YOU RAISE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SOONEST WITH FONOFF:

- HOW DOES GOA PROPOSE RESPONDING TO DEMAND?
- WHO ARE THE PRISONERS NAMED IN THE DEMAND?
- ARE THESE PRISONERS IN GOA HANDS?
- IF NOT, WHAT IS GOA'S COUNTER-PROPOSITION?
- HOW DOES GOA PLAN TO HANDLE STATED DEADLINE?

2. REQUEST YOU SEND US FULL TEXT OF MESSAGE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL.

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1. IN VIEW OF KIDNAPPERS DEMANDS AS STATED REFTEL, REQUEST YOU RAISE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SOONEST WITH FONOFF:

- HOW DOES GOA PROPOSE RESPONDING TO DEMAND? *will negotiate*
- WHO ARE THE PRISONERS NAMED IN THE DEMAND? *yes*
- ARE THESE PRISONERS IN GOA HANDS? *no*
- IF NOT, WHAT IS GOA'S COUNTER-PROPOSITION? *none*
- HOW DOES GOA PLAN TO HANDLE STATED DEADLINE? *full Sunday*

2. REQUEST YOU SEND US FULL TEXT OF MESSAGE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL.

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TAGS: AR, PINS, PFOR
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF CONSULAR AGENT

1. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION REGARDING EGAN'S MEDICAL STATUS. THIS IS FOR
INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE ONLY:

A. THE NATURE OF HIS MEDICAL PROBLEM

B. ANY MEDICATIONS HE TAKES

C. HIS MEDICAL STATUS AT THE TIME OF KIDNAPPING.
THAT IS, ANY RECENT ACUTE ILLNESS SUCH AS THE
FLU, INTESTINAL PROBLEM, ETC. KISSINGER

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E.O. 11652: N/A
 TAGS: AR, PFOR, PINS
 SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR EGAN CASE
 1. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ASKED RE EGAN CASE AT NOON PRESS
 BRIEFING FEBRUARY 27.
 2. THERE FOLLOWS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED MORNING FEBRUARY
 27 FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN:

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE KIDNAPPING OF US CON-
 SULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK EGAN IN CORDOBA YESTERDAY
 (FEB. 26)?

SR. (SUGGESTED REPLY) WE UNDERSTAND THAT EGAN WAS ABDUCTED
 FROM HIS RESIDENCE IN CORDOBA AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 PM
 BY THREE ARMED INDIVIDUALS. OTHERS MAY HAVE BEEN
 INVOLVED IN SUPPORT ROLES. THE KIDNAPPERS PAINTED
 "MONTONEROS" ON THE WALL OF THE HOUSE BEFORE MAKING
 THEIR ESCAPE, ALTHOUGH TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE ABDUCTION
 HAS NOT YET CONVINCINGLY BEEN CLAIMED BY ANY GROUP.
 "MONTONEROS" ARE ONE OF THE TERRORIST GROUPS OPERATING
 IN ARGENTINA.

Q. HAVE THE KIDNAPPERS MADE ANY DEMANDS?

SR. WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT THE TERRORISTS ARE
 MAKING DEMANDS BUT WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE
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KIDNAPPERS.

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Q. CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME BACKGROUND ON MR. EGAN? IS HE A
RETIRED US DIPLOMAT?

SR. MR. EGAN IS 62. HE IS A RETIRED AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN
WHO HAS SPENT THE LAST 20 YEARS IN SOUTH AMERICA,
MOSTLY IN ARGENTINA. HE WAS NAMED CONSULAR AGENT IN
CORDOBA IN MARCH, 1973. ALTHOUGH HE IS A NATIVE OF
MONTANA, WE UNDERSTAND HE REGARDS CORDOBA AS HIS HOME
AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED THERE.

Q. WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT THIS? HAVE WE BEEN IN CONTACT
WITH THE GOA?

SR. YES. AMBASSADOR HILL HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH
ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES. AMBASSADOR HILL
SENT A TEAM OF EMBASSY OFFICERS TO CORDOBA LAST NIGHT
TO ASSIST MRS. EGAN AND TO COOPERATE WITH ARGENTINE
AUTHORITIES THERE.

Q. WHAT ABOUT EGAN'S REPORTED HEART CONDITION?

SR. THE EMBASSY TEAM IN CORDOBA IS LOOKING INTO THIS AND
OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS.

Q. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE CLOSED OUR OFFICES IN PROVINCIAL
ARGENTINE CITIES AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF ALFRED LAUN
IN CORDOBA LAST APRIL. WHAT WAS EGAN DOING STILL IN
CORDOBA?

SR. WE WITHDREW AMERICAN EMPLOYEES FROM EMBASSIAL CENTER
OPERATIONS IN SEVERAL ARGENTINE PROVINCIAL CITIES,
INCLUDING CORDOBA. MR. EGAN IS A PRIVATE CITIZEN
LIVING IN CORDOBA WHO CHOSE TO REMAIN THERE, AND TO
CONTINUE AS US CONSULAR AGENT.

Q. IS THERE ANY DANGER TO OTHER US OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA?

SR. SEVERAL TERRORIST GROUPS IN ARGENTINA HAVE THE POTENTIAL
TO CARRY OUT KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS. IN THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO PROTECT THOSE
US OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA.

Q. ARE YOU INSTITUTING SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO
DEFEND US OFFICIALS?

SR. WE DO NOT DISCUSS PROTECTIVE MEASURES. KISSINGER

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1. IT OCCURS TO US THAT USEFUL LEVERAGE, IF NOT PRESSURE, MIGHT BE APPLIED ON MONTONEROS TERRORIST GROUP APPARENTLY HOLDING EGAN IF ACTIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES WERE POSSIBLE:

A. SEEK TO GET DOCTOR WHO KNOWS EGAN'S HEART CONDITION TO PUBLISH WARNING ABOUT HIS CONDITION INCLUDING POSSIBLE DEATH IF HE IS NOT RELEASED OR GIVEN PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT PROMPTLY

B. MRS. EGAN MIGHT MAKE PUBLIC APPEAL ALONG SAME LINES, FURTHER DAMAGING MONTONEROS' PUBLIC IMAGE. WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION

C. CONSIDER HAVING FRIENDLY MEMBER OF CHURCH HIERARCHY MAKE APPEAL TO "CATHOLIC" MONTONEROS TO SHOW CHRISTIAN CHARITY; PADRE STORNI (DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC U.S. MIGHT BE GOOD INITIAL CONTACT IN THIS REGARD.

2. WE OF COURSE WOULD NOT WANT TO COMPLICATE GOA'S PRESENT INITIATIVES TO SECURE EGAN'S RELEASE, BUT EMBASSY MIGHT WISH DISCUSS ABOVE STRATEGIES WITH GOA CONTACTS INVOLVED IN RESCUE OPERATION.

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SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

1. AP DISPATCH ON EGAN KIDNAPPING CARRIED IN WASHINGTON POST FEBRUARY 28 STATES INTER ALIA THAT QUOTE US EMBASSY SOURCES IN BUENOS AIRES SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE COMBINED HOME AND OFFICE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WELL PROTECTED, THERE WERE NO GUARDS ON DUTY. ARGENTINE POLICE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TRANSMITTING ASAP GOA REPORT ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ABDUCTION, AS WELL AS ANY COMMENT MADE BY RESPONSIBLE GOA OFFICIALS ON MATTER OF LACK OF PROTECTION AT EGAN OFFICE/RESIDENCE. KISSINGER
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PLEASE EXPRESS TO MRS. EGAN MY SHOCK AT NEWS OF JOHN'S
KIDNAPPING AT HANDS OF TERRORISTS. WE ALL PRAY FOR HIS
SAFE RETURN UNHARMED. KISSINGER
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